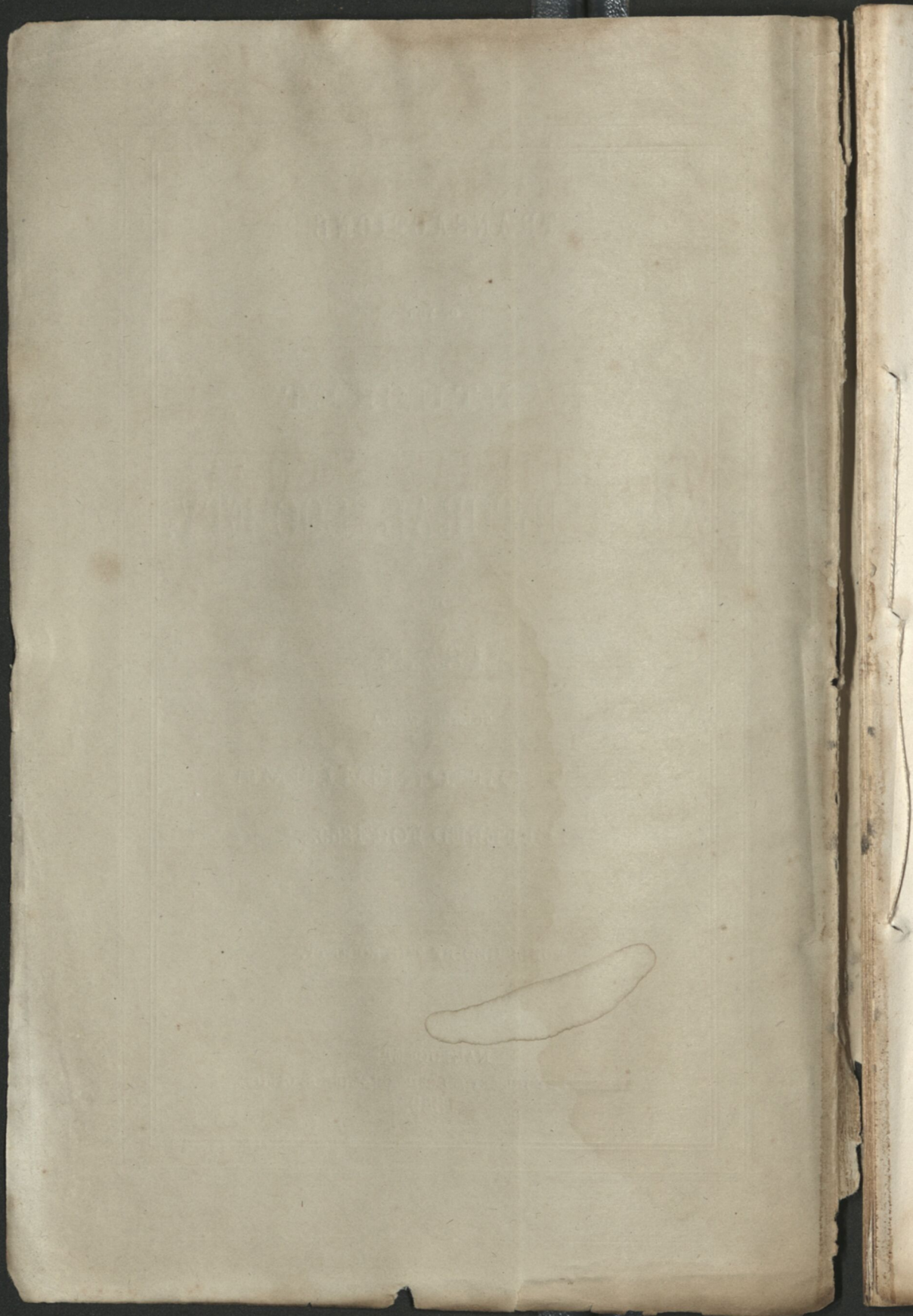


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OFFICERS FOR 1858.

The second Annual Meeting of the Society, was held at the Atheneum, on the 28th of Dec., 1857, and the following named members were elected officers for the year A. D. 1858, being the third year of the existence of the Society.

President,

EDWARD W. GARDNER.

Vice-Presidents,

NATHANIEL BARNEY,

ELIJAH H. ALLEY,

JAMES THOMPSON,

GEORGE W. MACY.

Recording Secretary,

ANDREW M. FOLGER.

Corresponding Secretary,

JOHN B. KING.

Treasurer,

WILLIAM M. BATES.

Executive Committee.

JOSEPH M. FOLGER,

ANDREW M. MYRICK,

EDWARD MACY,

EDWARD C. JOY,

ARNOLD MORSE.

COMMITTEES.

At a meeting of Officers, held Oct. 7th, 1858, the following Committees were constituted for the purposes of the Annual County Exhibition and Cattle Show:—

List of Names.

Committee of Arrangements.

E. W. GARDNER,	JAMES THOMPSON,
E. H. ALLEY,	GEORGE W. MACY,
EDWARD MACY,	ARNOLD MORSE.

Committee on the Hall.

ELIJAH H. ALLEY,	ROBERT F. MACY,
MRS. N. BARNEY,	MRS. SARAH RULE,
" T. W. CALDER,	" MARY WATSON,
" WILLIAM HADWEN,	" A. J. MORTON,
" JAMES THOMPSON,	" E. W. GARDNER,
MISS EUNICE COLEMAN,	" WM. R. EASTON,
" ANNE BUNKER,	" E. H. ALLEY,
" S. A. COLEMAN,	" MARY EWER,
MRS. REUBEN CHASE,	" MATTHEW STARBUCK,
" J. W. CARTWRIGHT,	" SAMUEL B. SWAIN,
" F. A. CHASE,	" E. W. ALLEN.

COMMITTEES ON AWARDS.

Fruits.

WILLIAM M. BATES,	ELIJAH H. ALLEY,
JAMES THOMPSON.	

Flowers.

CROMWELL BARNARD, JR.,	MRS. GEORGE STARBUCK,
MISS EMILY SHAW.	

Forest and Fruit Trees.

WILLIAM H. SHAW, SAMUEL KING,
HENRY COFFIN.

Crops.

JOSEPH M. FOLGER, ARNOLD MORSE,
EDWARD MACY, EDWARD C. JOY,
ANDREW M. MYRICK.

Cranberries.

JOHN J. GARDNER, EDWARD CHASE,
EDWARD W. PERRY.

Garden Vegetables.

GEORGE R. FOLGER, ZENAS L. ADAMS,
REUBEN CHASE.

Butter and Cheese.

TIMOTHY W. CALDER, MRS. C. C. FOLGER,
MRS. ARNOLD MORSE.

Bread and Honey.

MRS. MARY WATSON, MRS. DAVID MITCHELL,
MRS. F. A. CHASE.

Poultry.

FREDERICK A. CHASE, ALBERT C. FOLGER,
BENJAMIN B. GARDNER.

Hymns, Songs and Essays.

B. F. MORRISON, WILLIAM H. WAITT,
MRS. ALFRED MACY, MRS. PHEBE H. GARDNER,
MRS. ELIZA BARNEY.

Manufactures.

ROBERT F. MACY, WILLIAM H. COFFIN,
JOHN MAXEY, JR.

Horses.

MATTHEW CROSBY, F. C. SANFORD,
THOMAS A. GARDNER.

Cows and Heifers.

JAMES THOMPSON, DAVID FOLGER,
BURGESS T. SIMMONS.

Committee on Bulls.

ALLEN SMITH,

ALBERT C. FOLGER,

SAMUEL B. SWAIN.

Working Oxen and Steers.

WILLIAM BARTLETT,

CHARLES STARBUCK,

STEPHEN B. GIBBS.

Sheep.

GEORGE C. GARDNER,

ALFRED FOLGER,

GEORGE COFFIN.

Swine.

WILLIAM R. COFFIN,

ALBERT EASTON,

H. G. O. DUNHAM.

Care of Stock.

JAMES THOMPSON,

EDWARD MACY,

CHARLES C. FOLGER,

JOSEPH VINCENT,

SHUBAEL WORTH.

Fancy Articles.

WILLIAM R. EASTON,

JOHN H. SHAW,

MISS EUNICE COLEMAN,

MRS. CHAS. E. COFFIN,

MRS. MATTHEW STARBUCK,

MRS. WM. STARBUCK.

Manures.

OBED STARBUCK,

CHARLES C. FOLGER,

SHUBAEL WORTH.

Plowing.

EDWARD W. GARDNER,

ZIMRI CATHCART,

JACOB GIBBS.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE THIRD
CATTLE SHOW AND FAIR,
OF THE
Nantucket Agricultural Society.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In presenting to the public the third volume of "Transactions of the Nantucket County Agricultural Society," we would congratulate each other, and those of our friends abroad who have hopefully watched the growth of our Society, that through its instrumentality, a healthy stimulus has been given to agriculture, and therefore to the development of the wealth of our soil.

In view of the decline of the great branch of industry which has given us a celebrity coeval with the nationality of our common country, and extensive as the area pervaded by the report of British oratory, it is consolatory to reflect, that the increased and increasing interest felt in agriculture, is likely to impede, if it can not arrest the tide of emigration, which for some years past, has depleted our much-loved isle.

'Tis true that no one may reasonably expect to be-

come wealthy by farming on Nantucket. The area is not broad enough. But we hope that those who now depend wholly upon agriculture for the means of a frugal life, will, by increased skill, springing from enlarged information, enjoy an increase of comforts. We also hope to subsidize the various investments of trade, for means to promote the renovation and improvement of our soil. We have many intelligent and wealthy citizens, who can well spare the means for experimental farming, and more especially for the introduction of improved breeds of stock. It is a blind jealousy which carps at the success of gentlemen farmers. It should be remembered that while the direct fruits of investment may be reaped by the amateur agriculturist, he cannot monopolize the various indirect benefits of his operations.

The summer of 1858, was in most parts of the State, favorable to the business of the husbandman. The early and the latter rains were not withheld, nor the genial heat to ripen the succulent growth of vegetation. Not so at Nantucket. With us the spring was backward. The weather was cold, and even grass, the crop least dependent on heat, was slender. It did not come up luxuriantly, but shivered and shrunk in the chilly nights of May. It almost seemed that March and May had changed places. Indian corn came on but slowly; there were few days of fervid heat. The mercury rarely rose to 80° , even at noon. Of course fruits grew timidly. The nights were cold. It was a matter of general concern that the weather was thus unpropitious. Men said "We shall have nothing for the fair!" Then

came the storm of Sept. 16th, which was not felt alike throughout the Commonwealth. It seemed to rage in veins. At Nantucket its force was terrific ; trees, fences and chimneys were prostrated. The leaves of trees were shriveled as if a Simoon had passed over them. But in September, there was also a short period of weather, such as might have been expected in July or August. This alone saved the maize crop from failure. Notwithstanding all these unfavorable circumstances of climate, which we have not portrayed too darkly, the harvest did not wholly fail, as will plainly appear by the Reports of Committees, and by the general description which we proceed to give of the Exhibition at our hall.

The Exhibition opened at the Atheneum Rooms, and on the grounds near the Asylum, on the 13th of October, 1858, and was continued at the Rooms during the 13th and 14th. The show of cattle and the plowing match occurred on the 13th. The weather was very unfavorable for the display of animals, and prevented many from going to the ground, who would otherwise have gone there, and have gladly carried others with them. The rain began to fall about 9 o'clock A. M., and continued at intervals during the day. The wind blew quite fresh in the forenoon, and we have no doubt there were fewer animals exhibited, than there would have been, if the weather had been pleasant. The display of horses, cattle, &c., was highly creditable, and the exhibition of young stock, gave evidence that our farmers were materially advancing in this respect. Mr. Wetherell, in his remarks Wednesday evening, stated that more milch cows were on exhibition

here, than he saw at either the Bristol County, Plymouth, or Barnstable Cattle Shows.

The Plowing Match took place at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday. Only three teams competed for the prizes—Stephen B. Gibbs with an ox-team; Zimri Cathcart and E. W. Gardner with horses. Quite a number of spectators were on the ground, in spite of the rain.

The entertainment at the Hall on Wednesday evening, was opened by the performance of a piece of instrumental music, then came a song, and after that more instrumental music, and then more singing.

The singing was very creditable to the taste and skill of the amateur artists, who kindly threw in this large contribution to the magazine of good things accumulated at the Exhibition. Mrs. Cartwright presided at the piano during the singing, and we may perhaps be permitted to say, without derogating from the merit of the large number of other ladies who had been laboring from early morning till late at night, for the previous week—that she has contributed largely of service in the good cause. We are quite sure that the amount of time and labor expended by the ladies of the committee, is known and fully appreciated by but few.

The instrumental music deserves more than a passing notice; but we can only give it that. The performers were Messrs. Moore and Tobey on the violin, Robinson and Colesworthy on the flute, Cobb on the viol, and these were accompanied by Mrs. A. P. Moore on the piano. The result of this combination of musical effort was charming. The ringing melody of the violin,

a most eloquent instrument when finely touched, the liquid tones of the flute, the nightingale-like warbling of the piano, and around, and through, and sustaining all, the sonorous vibrations of the viol, made up a flow of soothing harmony, so charming, yet not sating, that we would fain have cried out with the Duke in the play :

“That strain again ;—it had a dying fall ;
O, it came o’er my ear like the sweet South,
That breathes upon a bank of violets,
Stealing and giving odor.”

Afterwards the company assembled at the Hall, was briefly addressed by Mr. Tracy, of the Board of Agriculture, Mr. Leander Wetherell, Assistant Secretary to the Board, and by Mr. Morrison, of our High School. The gentlemen from abroad, Messrs. Tracy and Wetherell, expressed their surprise at our display of agricultural products, and gratification in witnessing the beauty of the arrangements at the hall. Mr. Morrison made appropriate suggestions regarding the course to be pursued if we desire to make the most of our resources, and to become intelligent cultivators of the soil.

On Thursday evening a numerous company assembled at the Hall, the larger part expecting and desiring to hear Mr. Wetherell, who came to our island at the invitation of the Society, for the purpose of delivering the annual address. The doctrine of the address seemed to be, that agriculture requires as high an order of mind, and mental cultivation for its successful management, as any other field of human labor. That it is at present in an imperfect state, and that it must so remain until a concerted experimental course of training is instituted on a broad foundation, laid by public or private

endowment for the preparation of a body of educated farmers.

The following prize songs and hymn were sung during the exercises of Wednesday and Thursday evenings:

S O N G .

BY MISS ANNA GARDNER.

Agriculture may yet make our Island
Gleam fair 'mid the isles of the sea,
Crown each graded hill-slope and highland
With the birch, the ash, and pine tree.
It may make each rich cultured valley,
Waving free with ripe grain in the fall,
Re-echo the cry for a rally—

To Harvest! to Harvest! come all!

To Harvest! to Harvest! come all!

To Harvest! to Harvest! come all!

'Neath the big, full moon of October,

To Harvest! to Harvest! come all!

And the Goddess, fair Ceres, benignant,
When all undisputed her reign,
Will scatter rare blessings abundant,
O'er hill-top, and valley, and plain!
Exotics may blossom in beauty,
Where fallow lands stretch to the shore;
And each son of toil may make duty
A pleasure he ne'er felt before.

A pleasure he ne'er felt before,

A pleasure he ne'er felt before,

'Neath the harvest moon of October,

A pleasure he ne'er felt before!

Like a gem in the midst of the ocean,
Our isle will loom fair to the view;
Where the waves in continual commotion,
Dash round the bleak shores of Coatue!
A landscape so lovely and mellow,
Will rise in the prospect beyond;
A harvest all ripened and yellow,
From Hummock to 'Sacacha Pond!

Three cheers for the harvest so mellow,

Three cheers for the harvest so mellow,

'Neath the full, big moon of October,

Three cheers for the harvest so mellow!

Our Barneys, our Thompsons, our Alleys,
 Will wrest from our soil latent powers;
 And make of our waste land and valleys,
 Rich vineyards, and orchards and bowers.
 Where the husbandman urges the ploughshare,
 With an iron-nerved purpose and bold,
 Through the uncultured earth, it will yet bear
 A harvest more precious than gold!

A harvest more precious than gold,
 A harvest more precious than gold,
 By the steady toil of the farmer,
 A harvest more precious than gold!

As each year fills her magical circle,
 And pours out her plenteous horn,
 And the reaper comes forth with the sickle
 To cut golden grain and ripe corn—
 Growing ever more wise and true-hearted,
 We'll give to the mind wider range;
 Whilst we list to the lessons imparted
 By Nature's miraculous change!
 We'll give to the mind wider range,
 We'll give to the mind wider range,
 With the grand choral march of the seasons,
 We'll give to the mind wider range!

Though we see not on "sandy soil" growing
 The fruits of a tropical clime,
 Nor our hill-slopes all vine-clad and glowing
 With the orange, and lemon, and lime—
 Yet the cranberry, the quince, and the pear-tree
 Our Gardner'll perfect if he can;
 And our island's proud boasting shall e'er be,
 That its noblest production is man!
 That its noblest production is man,
 That its noblest production is man,
 'Mid the hills and vales of Nantucket,
 That its noblest production is man!

SONG.

BY MISS LIZZIE C. GARDNER.

From Georgia's genial climate,
 From lands of frost and snow,
 Where many a mighty river

Adown the mountains flow ;
 In many a pleasant labor
 We ask that you will pause,
 And come to this, our island,
 For Agriculture's cause !

What though our grounds are fertile,
 And fruits now fill our hall
 From earth's most plenteous storehouse,
 That's open wide to all !
 Without man's care and labor
 No richer should we be ;
 And were it not for tillage,
 No products should we see.

From Berkshire's hilly county
 Friends are already here ;
 And gladly we will greet them,
 For the farmers they will cheer ;
 In many a pleasant labor
 We ask again you'll pause ;
 And come to this, our island,
 For Agriculture's cause.

Blow, blow ye winds propitious,
 And bear them safely o'er ;
 Till many a near relation
 Is landed on our shore.
 Then farmers, O, ye farmers,
 The hand of welcome give ;
 And teach our wealthier neighbors,
 To labor is to live.

Then to the God above us,
 Our voices clear we'll raise ;
 And chant aloud the chorus,
 In accents full of praise.
 We'll think of him with gladness,
 In looking round our hall ;
 And let us e'er remember
 That He has made them all !

HYMN.

BY MISS ANNA GARDNER.

From our sea-beaten island,
 Father, to thee we sing !
 Thou great celestial centre,
 Whence all our blessings spring !
 Rich choral voices mingle
 In earth, and air, and sea ;
 And with a ceaseless cadence
 Of praise ascend to thee.

For smiling meads and uplands,
 And flowers of every hue—
 For golden-tinted fruitage,
 Accept the tribute due.
 For seed-time and for harvest,
 And the rich, fragrant sod—
 For sunshine and for showers,
 We bless "our father's God !"

Stern time with steady paces
 Describes the circling year ;
 Spring's genial breath effaces
 Each trace of Winter drear.

Then Summer comes with flowers,
 Autumn with fruits and grain ;
 And bounteous, crowns the hours
 Of snow-clad Winter's reign.

Thus we would crown life's winter
 With wisdom's hoarded sheaves ;
 Each noble, generous effort
 For age a chaplet weaves ;
 And when at length the Reaper
 In Death's pale form shall come,
 We would be waiting, READY
 For our great "Harvest Home !"

After singing, Hon. George Marston, by invitation, addressed the company, with the hearty applause of the audience. Mr. Marston stated that he came as an officer of the Barnstable Agricultural Society, to express his and their sympathy with the agriculturists of Nan-

tucket. He remarked that at these annual celebrations, there is a two-fold exhibition; an exhibition of vegetables, of fruits, and flowers—and further, of men and women, which is, after all, the most attractive feature of the exhibition. The festivities of the occasion are productive of abundant profit. Mr. Marston spiced his short speech with divers anecdotes and witticisms, which repeatedly “brought down the house.”

The appearance of the Hall was very fine. The evergreens which hung in graceful festoons, were fresh and fragrant, and wreaths, arches, &c., were tastefully disposed. The mottoes were well selected. Over the platform was this quotation: “These are thy glorious works, Parent of Good!” On the opposite wall, “Autumn’s yellow lustre gilds the world.” On the left hand, “These are thy blessings, Industry;” on the right, over the flower stands, were “We bloom in Beauty,” and “Emblems of Hope.” The centre of the room was occupied by three parallel tables, two of which were devoted to the display of fruits and flowers, the third to fancy work.

The walls around the room were adorned with many fine paintings, and some finely wrought needle, crochet, moss and shell work. The first things we noticed, on entering the hall, were a well wrought head dress and cape, from Miss Carrie W. Starbuck; a patchwork quilt from Annie Brown, 12 years old; another from Mrs. Phebe Cottle; cloth of Zanzibar manufacture, from Mrs. Charles C. Mooers, and a quilt from Mrs. Betsey Jenkins. A ship handsomely painted by Andrew R. Worth, and a painting by Andrew P. Walcott adorned the west

side of the room. A fine crayon portrait of Mr. S. L. Meade, by E. T. Kelley, and an unfinished picture of the excursion party on board the schooner Robert B. Smith, on the morning she left Newport, by the same artist.

Handsome specimens of worsted work were exhibited by Mrs. George Cash, Edward R. Folger, George W. Macy, Daniel Bigelow, Joseph A. Cook, Mary Eagan, Phebe Coleman, 77 years of age, John W. Macy and Charles E. Coffin; also by Misses Jane Coffin, Sarah W. Macy, Emma L. Crosby, Mary F. Arthur, Eliza D. Gardner and Mary H. Tuck.

Handsome frames of shell, moss and leather work were on exhibition by Mrs. Alexander Russell, George Paddack, 2d, James Wyer, and Andrew M. Myrick; and by Misses Sarah W. Folger, Annie Wood, and Amelia M. Coffin; also, handsome frames and work from Mrs. M. A. Burgess, Miss Emma Coffin, and one from Mrs. James Macy, containing natural flowers, dried and tastefully arranged; a frame of fragments of coal by Miss Mary J. Cottle, one by Maria Simmons, one containing wax flowers, by Mrs. George R. Folger, and one very handsome piece of Egyptian painting by Mary J. Cottle; two frames from George M. Bunker, with pen and ink drawings, one representing a "scene on the river St. Lawrence, near Montreal," and the other the "President's House at Washington," both executed with much skill, and deserving of praise; a frame, with map of South America, very handsomely executed by Sydney Mitchell; another, with a lot of worsted book-marks, by Mary E. King; three handsome frames of moss work,

from Mrs. C. E. Coffin, and one very handsome cone frame by Mrs. A. M. Myrick.

We noticed some very beautiful specimens of embroidery, which we think would bear comparison with any exhibited in the State. An infant's dress of white cambric, embroidered by Mrs. Benjamin S. Morton, was very fine, also other articles by the same lady. The Thibet dress embroidered by Mrs. James C. Rogers, with other pieces, were admirable, showing great taste and skill. Mrs. Charles E. Coffin, Mrs. A. P. Moore, and Miss Anna C. Ray, also had specimens of beautiful work. Embroidery by Annie Brown, aged 12 years, bore witness to both her industry and skill. Handsome specimens were shown by Mrs. Zenas Fish, Mary Easton, Ann L. Gardner, Mrs. George Starbuck, Jr.; Misses Martha Gardner and Anna H. Bigelow, and a very beautiful specimen by Miss Priscilla Chase.

A box of work of various kinds, done by the scholars of the Siasconset school, was very much commended by the visitors. The girls had contributed crochet work, knitting, &c., and the boys, shells, mosses, and other little curious things gathered from the beach. We hope we shall hear from them again at our fairs.

Two very tasteful cottages, by William C. Briggs and Frederick H. Alley, attracted much attention, and were universally admired.

A bird house, after the model of a church, with tower, town clock and spire, handsomely ornamented and painted, gave token of both the industry and skill of Charles Parker.

A chair made on board ship Corinthian, of New

Bedford, from a sperm whale's jaw bone, was shown by Capt. Andrew E. Arthur.

A handsome basket of moss work, by Maria Simmons.

A walrus tooth, handsomely marked, was shown by Capt. Charles Grant.

C. G. & H. Coffin, exhibited 1 box family soap, 1 box salt water soap, 3 boxes fancy soap, and 1 keg of soft soap, all very nice.

The "Baby Show," from Louisa M. Chadwick, attracted much attention from its novelty and beauty.

A handsome table and pair of crickets, were on exhibition, manufactured by Capt. Charles P. Worth; a beautiful work table, by Reuben G. Folger, the top composed of 558 pieces; two miniature stuffed chairs, by Robert F. Macy. A highly finished work box was shown, made at sea by William H. Bennett.

Some beautiful specimens of carving on wood and ivory, were exhibited by Capt. Robert McCleave. It was executed on board ship Oliver Crocker, of New Bedford, by one of the crew. The ivory articles consisted of napkin rings, sugar spoons, butter knives, jagg knife, mustard spoon, salt spoons, sugar tongs, and spool stand of ivory and wood, the wood of which was from the house of John Adams, on Pitcairn's Island, one of the mutineers of the *Bounty*. A handsome tub was also exhibited, made by the cooper of the same ship.

A handsome display of jewelry and imitation silver ware, was made by Nathaniel Coggeshall.

Bead bag and pin cushion from Catherine Austin.

Two handsome cushion tops, painted on silk, were shown by Mrs. James Macy.

A fine specimen of moss and shell work, was exhibited by Mrs. James Thompson.

A lot of very beautiful ambrotypes were on exhibition by William Summerhays.

Lewis H. Wendel showed twelve varieties of corn, tastefully displayed on a frame.

Albert C. Folger had a stand of variegated corn on exhibition.

A windmill, singularly contrived, was on exhibition by the master of the South Shoal Light Boat.

A model of the South Shoal Light Boat was on exhibition by Uriah S. Manter.

A worsted basket of paper babies by Miss Martha Gardner.

Bayberry candles from S. H. Winslow.

Ancient chair from Lydia B. Elkins.

Cushion from Sarah G. Davis.

Fine display of shells, and a sea bean from the Indian Ocean, from Capt. C. C. Mooers.

Basket of moss work from Mrs. E. P. Fearing.

Antique watch and comb by Benjamin Winslow.

A spoon, finely executed from a cow's horn, by William H. Waitt.

A Bengal cape of feathers, by Capt. A. E. Arthur.

Pair of wrought slippers and bag, by Mrs. Mackie.

Small ivory mortars by George A. Easton.

Set of ivory butter knives by D. G. Barney.

Pair of shoe-buckles, 100 years old, by H. M. Fossdick.

Specimens of drawing in natural history, by Andrew R. Worth.

Stand of minerals from Annie Wood.

Specimen of ancient crockery from Phebe J. Bailey.

• A lot of minerals from California, were on exhibition by G. O. Burton.

Bead bag by Mrs. L. Sheffield.

Aquariums were exhibited by Mrs. William Hadwen, and Mrs. E. H. Alley, well stocked with specimens.

Eben W. Tallant exhibited a beautiful aquarium containing a great number of specimens of fish and shellfish from our shores, arranged with much taste, and making a fine appearance.

An over-shoe by Charles Murphey, over 100 years old.

The head of a whale-iron, thrown into a whale in the Pacific Ocean, from the ship *Lion*, which sailed from Nantucket in 1802, under the command of Peter Padack; who, when in command of ship *Lady Adams*, also of Nantucket, which sailed in 1815, captured a whale, and on cutting it in, found the same iron, known by the letters P. P., which still remain upon it. It was afterwards carried with him to Kennebec, where his house was consumed by fire, and the iron was again discovered among its ruins, and has since been preserved as a curiosity for its remarkable history.

The whaleship "*Fanny Bell*," six feet in length, built by Capt. William Baxter, of Siasconset, a beautiful craft, full-rigged, and representing the "cutting in" of a whale. She attracted a great deal of attention from the sea-faring part of the visitors.

Specimens of wool bats and rolls from Hannah Winslow.

A chopping-tray and rolling-pin from Nathan Gibbs.

A cannon ball, found in a peat swamp, supposed to have been a present from John Bull, during the Revolution.

Everett W. Davis had on exhibition a native canoe from New Zealand.

An ancient silver watch was exhibited by D. J. Starbuck, imported from London in 1693, by William Gear, and presented to Jethro Starbuck. It descended from Jethro to his son Thomas, and grandson Thomas, then to his son Simeon, in 1832, and to his grandson D. J. Starbuck, in 1850.

A handsome dress loaf of cake, and loaves of plum and sponge cake, were exhibited by Judith Nye; a loaf of "Pork cake" was shown by Phebe J. Bailey.

A loaf of Graham bread, made from native wheat, was exhibited by Mrs. A. M. Myrick.

FRUITS, FLOWERS, &C.

A very fine display of flowers from the garden of Nathaniel Barney, arranged with great taste by Mrs. George Starbuck and Miss Anna C. Ray, occupied the centre of the table on the left side of the room.

At one end, a glass case, containing the most beautiful grapes that were offered, of the Black Hamburg and Rose Chasselas varieties, attracted great attention. They grew in the greenhouse of James Thompson, and

several of the bunches weighed nearly three pounds apiece.

A fine large basket of fruit and vegetables from the garden of Sylvester Hodges, graced this table also.

A pretty ornament, also, was a sort of pyramid of green, whose base was composed of vegetables from the field, surmounted by fruit from the garden, and these crowned with flowers, arranged by Miss Mary E. Coffin.

A large dish of cut flowers, arranged by Mrs. James Thompson, was beautiful to behold.

A dish of handsome cut flowers, was shown by C. Barnard, Jr.

A vase of crystallized grasses, by Mrs. Ann Swain.

A fine show of apples, 7 varieties, was made by Samuel King.

A dish of handsome sweet apples, by S. Hodges.

Peaches on the stalk, by Miss Eunice Coleman.

Fine specimens of peaches by Mrs. Mary Ewer and Willie Barney.

A dish of pears from a tree the seed of which was planted by Hon. Walter Folger.

Three varieties of pears,—Napoleon, Goubalt, and Beurre Diel, by William H. Shaw.

A dish of pears, Louis Bon de Jersey, by James Thompson.

The largest exhibition of pears was by Nathaniel Barney—17 varieties—embracing the Boussock, Vicar of Winkfield, Louis Bon de Jersey, Beurre Superfine, Beurre Diel, Passe Colmar, Winter Nelis, Glout Morceau, Beurre de Beaumont, Urbaniste, Brown Beurre, Bartlett, St. Andrews, &c. There was one dish of 34,

from a graft which bore 104, and one do. of 30, from a graft which bore 77.

Several varieties of pears, Bartlett, Jalousie de Fontenay, Louis Bon de Jersey, Swan's Orange, and Soldat Labreur—by Samuel King.

Twelve varieties of pears, and two of apples, by William M. Bates, from F. King, of Dorchester.

Beautiful quinces from Priscilla Wyer, Ann Bunker, William H. Waitt, William M. Barney and Nathaniel Barney.

A dish of very fine quinces and pears, from Mrs. H. G. O. Dunham.

Quinces on the stalk, by William Folger.

Fine specimens of grapes, by James Easton and Nathaniel Barney.

Nice specimens of cranberries, by John. J. Gardner, Edward Chase, Henry Coffin, and Obed Starbuck.

Two tempting jars of pickles were exhibited by Mrs. Andrew M. Myrick.

A box of tomato figs by Mrs. George Myrick.

A dish of noble tomatoes, by Benjamin G. Smith, and one of strawberry tomatoes by Samuel B. Swain.

An ancient dish, more than one hundred years old, by Mary Ewer.

A case of silver ware, jewelry, &c., from Hammond & Co.

The table in the centre of the room was decorated with vases of flowers, from Mrs. E. H. Alley, Wm. Starbuck, Lewis H. Wendel, Joseph Bodfish, and Cromwell Barnard, Jr.

On this table, also, was a great variety of cut flow-

ers, handsomely arranged, from Mrs. J. B. King, E. P. Fearing, E. H. Alley, E. W. Gardner, and Miss Sally Ann Coleman.

At the south end of this table was a stand, supporting a basket of fruit, tastefully ornamented with flowers, by Mrs. C. E. Coffin, which attracted much notice.

A Potichomania vase was shown by Mrs. A. M. Myrick.

At the North end, was a stand, containing 56 varieties of flowers, arranged by Mrs. E. H. Alley, which made a fine appearance.

A bouquet, contributed by Mrs. Charles Bunker, of Roxbury, containing a variety of choice flowers, was much admired.

A frame of flowers, by Mrs. Jane L. Folger.

The handsome display of pot plants by E. H. Alley, Cromwell Barnard, Jr., and Nathaniel Barney, attracted much notice.

Fine specimens of pears, eight varieties, were exhibited by E. H. Alley. They were Vicar of Winkfield, Beurre Bosc, Buffum, Seckel, Flemish Beauty, Beurre Clairgeau, Urbaniste, and St. Michael.

Specimens of Flemish Beauty, Louis Bon de Jersey, and White Doyenne, by Dr. J. B. King, were very fine.

Seven varieties, Flemish Beauty, Figue, Beurre Diel, Marie Louise, Louis Bon de Jersey, and Flemish Beauty, by Josiah Gorham. A ripe pear, unripe ones, and a bunch of blossoms from the same tree, three crops in one season, were exhibited by the same gentleman.

Four varieties, Vicar of Winkfield, Beurre Goubalt, Beurre d'Aremberg, and Seckel, by E. W. Gardner.

Three varieties, Flemish Beauty, Napoleon, and Beurre Bosc, all fine specimens, by Geo. B. Cartwright.

Two dishes of pears, for a name, by Mrs. R. Ratliff.

Two dishes Bartlett pears, the largest and handsomest on exhibition, and two do. Beurre Diel, by Robert Ratliff.

Four varieties, Vicar of Winkfield, Beurre Diel, Colmar d'Aremburg, Flemish Beauty, and a variety not named, by Henry Coffin.

A dish of Flemish Beauties, by Lewis H. Wendel.

Two varieties, Flemish Beauty and Seckel, by William Starbuck.

Thirteen pears on a stalk, Marie Louise, by Albert Swain.

A specimen of pears for a name, by S. Hodges.

A dish of pears, Napoleon, by Thomas Snow.

A basket of pears, Louis Bon de Jersey, by Capt. Samuel C. Wyer.

Beautiful specimens of quinces were exhibited by Mrs. Lydia Fitzgerald, E. W. Gardner, E. H. Alley, L. H. Wendel, Shubael Clark and Josiah Gorham.

Quinces on the stalk, by William Barney and J. B. Freeman.

A fine specimen of Greening apples, by Sylvester Hodges, and a variety not named, by A. M. Myrick.

The show of grapes was much better than was expected. Handsome specimens of Isabella grapes were exhibited by Lewis H. Wendel, Freeman Parker, William R. Easton, George Myrick, D. C. Baxter and E. H. Alley. Mr. Alley also exhibited some fine bunches of White Sweetwater, which looked very tempting.

Specimens of peaches by Freeman Parker and John W. Coleman.

A basket of quinces and pears, by Peter Folger.

Handsome specimens of cranberries, by Mrs. Hannah Winslow, Henry Swain, J. H. Shaw, and E. W. Gardner.

Some fine looking sweet potatoes, and a dish of tomatoes, by E. H. Alley.

A mammoth tomato, weighing 1 lb. 11 oz., by Geo. Easton.

A tobacco plant, from the seed, by E. H. Alley.

Messrs. Curtis & Cobb, of Boston, made a fine display of beans, embracing sixty varieties.

VEGETABLES.

The show of Vegetables at the Hall this year, was not near as large as that of last, but those that were exhibited were all very fine.

PUMPKINS.—One large native, from Geo. M. Swain; Timothy Taylor, 1 do; 6 do. from E. W. Gardner; 3 do. from Gardner Coffin; 12 fine do. from Zimri Cathcart.

SQUASHES.—3 bell-necked from Timothy Taylor; 3 yellow-meated from N. Barney; 1 do. from George H. Gardner; 3 do. from Charles A. Burgess; 3 do. from E. W. Gardner; 5 do. from Abraham Pease; 3 varieties from George W. Cobb; 2 do. from Edward Macy; 3 large do. from Charles E. Gardner; 2 varieties from Zimri Cathcart.

CORN.—Edward Chase, 1 stalk corn bearing 3 ears;

2 do. do. from N. Barney, and three with two ears each; 1 stalk with three ears, from George H. Gardner; 1 bunch seed corn from Timothy Taylor; 7 bunches do. from N. Barney; 7 do. from James Eldridge; 1 bunch sweet corn from Freeman Parker; 1 do. seed corn from C. A. Burgess; a fine lot do. from Edward Macy; 1 basket do. from Edward Chase; 1 lot do. from Gardner Coffin; 1 do. do. from A. M. Myrick; 2 bunches do. from William R. Easton; 1 do. do. from E. W. Gardner.

ONIONS.—1 basket onions from Edward Chase; 1 stick white do. from Josiah Gorham.

POTATOES.—Charles W. Gardner, 1 box potatoes, Davis' Seedlings, raised from eyes cut from the potatoes; also one basket long red potatoes; E. W. Gardner, 1 pail apple potatoes; 1 basket—two varieties—State of Maine and St. Helena, and 1 basket Chenangoes, all very large; Mark Folger, 1 basket Davis' Seedlings, large; George Easton, 1 Chinese Yam.

TURNIPS.—Edward Chase, 1 basket French turnips, very smooth and large; George W. Cobb, 1 basket purple strap-leaf, planted latter part of July; Josiah Parker of West Barnstable, two purple-topped Globe, very large.

CARROTS.—Asa P. Jones, 5 carrots, large; Edward Chase, 1 basket carrots, very handsome; N. Barney, 1 box containing three varieties carrots, and one variety parsnips; C. G. & H. Coffin, 5 parsnips.

BEETS.—James T. Eldridge, 2 beets; E. W. Gardner, 6 blood beets; James Thompson, 7 white sugar beets, mammoth; William R. Coffin, 1 blood beet, very

large; Charles G. Coffin, 3 blood turnip beets and 5 long blood beets.

BEANS.—Edward Macy, 1 box beans, 5 bushels 2 quarts to a quarter of an acre; Everett and Abbott Coffin, 16 kinds of beans; Zimri Cathcart, 1 box white beans, and 1 do. yellow-eyed.

CABBAGES.—Charles G. Coffin, 1 head red cabbage and 4 do. drumhead.

MELONS.—Zimri Cathcart, 2 citron melons and 1 watermelon.

1 stalk Japan Pea from Henry Clapp.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paul W. Bunker, 1 box Rabbits; 1 do. do. from T. A. Gardner, Jr.

One cage fan-tailed Pigeons, E. W. Gardner.

One box Guinea Pigs, Henry Fish.

One box Butter, Charles W. Gardner, very handsome; 1 do. do. from Edward Macy.

Our third annual show of samples has passed; and if it be true that what man has done, man may do, then we need not hesitate to invest money and expend labor in the cultivation of our hitherto neglected soil. They are not informed, who suppose that we have not material with which to prepare fertile fields. We have sand, peat, clay, kelp, common seaweed, and fish. Peat, in

order to be made an ingredient of productive soil, must undergo a process of elementary and manual preparation. When first dug it is not fit to be mixed at once with the soil; but it is chiefly composed of vegetable matter, and is therefore fit in due season, to replace the vegetable material in exhausted soils. Clay is not abundant on our island, but it is found in some localities, and may be transported to sections where it is needed.

The eastern shore of the island is at times covered with kelp, and the harbor shores, outer and inner, with common seaweed; this kelp and seaweed can be collected, and after having been compressed by its own weight in stacks, and dried, may be easily transported to any part of the island. Our farmers do not need to be told of the value of kelp as a fertilizer. Fish manure, although not of the highest value as a durable material of soil, is yet an active stimulant. Immense quantities (in the aggregate) of fertilizers are yearly wasted, because not collected. Blown from our wharves, washed from our streets, and otherwise dissipated, hundreds of loads of the most valuable manures are lost sight of, through neglect or false pride. The office of a scavenger is not a post for which there are many competitors, but there are some officers, who are less worthy than he, to be ranked among productive laborers. "*Labor vincit omnia.*" Labor conquers all things. But there *must* be labor; persevering, intelligent labor.

The farmer should be respected, and should respect himself. He should employ his leisure hours, and even he, has some leisure time, in searching for truth. In the winter, when the earth is fettered by frost and he can

no longer cultivate *it*, let him cultivate himself. Above all, let his children be trained to the work of agriculture. They will labor more cheerfully if their occupation is made to assume a philosophical aspect. Let them be chemists—chemists on a large scale; working in the grand laboratory of nature; not traditionary plodders, toiling and moiling with little more intelligence than the beasts who share their labors.

There were some departments in which our late exhibition was deficient. There were only two lots of butter exhibited. Both were excellent; both were deemed worthy of a premium. Why was there not more butter presented? There are many dairies on the island producing an exquisite article. All ought to contribute a sample for the honor and encouragement of native agriculture. The quantity of corn, potatoes, pumpkins, and of several other sorts of vegetables, was not large enough. What was presented, was good, very good.

We hope that all will unite, putting aside indifference, jealousy, and every unworthy motive or impediment, and labor hopefully, zealously, during the agricultural year on which we have entered, to magnify the office of the farmer; to subdue to productive service, many acres now barren; to give reciprocal aid when needed, so that the tables of the next Agricultural Exhibition shall groan with the plenty, and bloom with the beauty of the fruits of domestic industry. Let the mechanic arts be duly represented. Oils, candles and soaps, form a very valuable part of such an exhibition as ours. We have seen the best of soap at the late show—we hope

to see similar specimens hereafter. Intellectual labor will be appreciated. Let our poets and prose writers provide their contributions. The sooner they begin to write the better; time is a material helper to criticism. What is composed and put away and then reviewed, is usually better fitted to do credit to its author. Let all labor that our annual exhibitions may not fail for lack of earnest, hopeful, candid effort, to make them at once the results and stimulants of successful domestic industry.

JAMES M. BUNKER, *Secretary.*

REPORTS.

Vegetables.

Your Committee on Vegetables, having performed the duty assigned them, beg leave to make the following report of entries and awards:—

Edward Chase's exhibition of vegetables—turnips, carrots, and onions—we consider very excellent, and worthy of much praise. To him we award a premium of \$1.50.

Zimri Cathcart's exhibition of beans, water melon, citron melons, and Japan squash, was very handsome; his exhibition of native pumpkins and marrow squashes was very superior, and to him we award a premium of \$1.50.

Charles A. Burgess's exhibition of marrow squashes, with a large bunch of extra fine seed corn, we consider worthy of particular attention, and award him a gratuity of 50 cents.

Edward Macy's very fine exhibition of custard squashes, Canada squashes, and seed corn, we consider worthy of special notice, and award him a gratuity of 50 cents.

Timothy Taylor's exhibition of very large native pumpkins, bell-neck squashes, and seed corn, we consider very superior, and to him we award a gratuity of 50 cents.

Nathaniel Barney's mammoth yellow-meated squash, with its associates from the same seed, won the attention of all visitors; which, with his bell-neck squashes, carrots, parsnips and seed corn, made a splendid exhibition, and to him we award 50 cents.

Edward W. Gardner exhibited native pumpkins, Paddack squashes (very fine), blood beets, with a sample of corn from Berkshire, which were very attractive. His samples of potatoes, Davis' Seedling, Apple, Chenango, and St. Helena or Irish Pippins, were the admiration of all beholders, and to him we award 50 cents.

Abraham Pease exhibited five marrow squashes, raised from one vine,

varying in size from 10 lbs. to 30 lbs.,—very handsome. To him we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

George W. Cobb's handsome variety of squashes, and remarkable growth of purple-top turnips, we think deserve a gratuity of 25 cents.

Charles W. Gardner exhibited a very handsome lot of Davis's Seedling potatoes, and a basket of long reds, for which we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

Freeman Parker exhibited a remarkably fine lot of seed sweet corn, for which we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

Mark Folger, a basket of Davis's Seedling potatoes, the largest growth exhibited, for which we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

George E. Smith, a tub with two varieties of very fine potatoes, and a basket of fine white beans. To him we award 25 cents.

Charles G. Coffin's handsome exhibition of beets, parsnips and cabbages, we consider worthy of an award of 25 cents.

Henry Clapp exhibited a Japan pea-vine, not fully matured.

William R. Coffin, a very large and fine blood-red beet.

Master George Hobson Gardner, a remarkable stalk of corn, 12 feet high, bearing three ears, grown from California seed; also, a squash of large growth.

James T. Eldredge exhibited a basket of remarkable corn, and very fine blood beets.

George Easton exhibited a "Dioscorea Batatas" of one year's growth from a cutting. E. W. Gardner, a smaller one.

Isaiah Parker, of West Barnstable, two very large globe turnips.

Andrew M. Myrick, a bunch of California wheat, on the straw, of remarkable growth, and also variegated squashes.

Charles E. Gardner exhibited very fine squashes.

Asa P. Jones, a sample of very fine carrots.

Gardner Coffin exhibited remarkable native pumpkins and seed corn.

John W. Coleman, two ears of very handsome yellow corn, raised by him from foreign seed.

William R. Easton exhibited a very fine lot of seed corn.

Everett and Abbott Coffin, 16 varieties of beans, handsomely arranged.

Josiah Gorham, a stick of white onions, which attracted much notice.

Samuel B. Swain, a gigantic sugar beet; we presume from a large family.

Charles Pitman, two stalks of corn, with three ears each, and a twin pumpkin, which added to the variety of the exhibition.

George F. Bunker, a basket of beautiful corn, and a bunch of seed corn, deserving special notice.

William H. Bennett, a remarkable stalk, bearing four ears of corn, well developed.

James Thompson, seven mammoth white sugar beets, and a bunch of salsify, or vegetable oyster.

GEORGE R. FOLGER, } Committee.
PELEG RAY, }

Fruits.

The Committee to whom was assigned the duty of inspecting the various Fruits entered for premium and exhibition, would respectfully report that they have attended to the duty, and find, in variety, pears exceed all others.

PEARS.

Nathaniel Barney exhibited seventeen varieties, and in the opinion of your Committee, is entitled to the first premium, \$3.

E. H. Alley showed the next largest variety, and to him we award a premium of \$1.

Josiah Gorham exhibited seven varieties of pears, among which was one dish of Flemish Beauties, and by the Committee considered the handsomest dish of fruit entered for premium. We therefore award a premium of \$2.

To Robert Ratliff and Thomas Snow, we award a premium of \$1 each, for the best dish of Bartletts, and the best dish of Napoleons.

To Samuel C. Wyer, Albert Swain, Henry Coffin and Samuel King, for fine dishes of pears, a gratuity of 50 cents each.

Robert Ratliff also exhibited very good specimens of Beurre Diels.

William Starbuck entered for exhibition one very fine dish of pears, Seckels, &c.

Lewis H. Wendel exhibited a very fine dish of Flemish Beauties, almost of equal quality with those of Josiah Gorham.

Sylvester Hodges entered for a name, one dish of very fine pears.

Peter Folger had on exhibition very good specimens of Flemish Beauties.

James Thompson, one dish Louis Bonne de Jerseys, which were considered fine.

William H. Shaw exhibited three dishes, specimens of Goubalt, Beurre Diel, and Napoleon, which the Committee would here notice.

H. G. O. Dunham, one dish Vicar of Winkfield, and one cluster of pears for which the Committee could not find a name.

Your Committee would not forget to notice fine dishes of pears contributed by Henry Coffin, which added very much to the interest of the Fair. they consisted in part of Louis Bonne de Jersey, Colmar d'Aremburg, Beurre Diel, Vicar of Winkfield, and one variety for a name.

George B. Cartwright, who is always willing to contribute to the interest of all, even though he should not be considered worthy of a premium, exhibited some very fine specimens of Flemish Beauties, Napoleons, Passe Colmars, &c.

Dr. J. B. King, not so fortunate this year as formerly, added to the interest of the society, by an exhibition of three varieties of pears, Flemish Beauties, Louis Bonne de Jerseys, and White Doyennes.

Our worthy President, E. W. Gardner, always ready to do all in his power, could not this year contribute a very good quality of fruit, but still managed to have *ten* varieties on exhibition.

Franklin King, of Dorchester, had some very fine fruit on exhibition, which tempted all who saw, *and for some the temptation was too great*. They numbered some twenty-four varieties of pears, and a few specimens of very fine "Porter" apples.

APPLES.

Of apples, your Committee cannot report any very large display, but Samuel King having the largest variety, we award him a premium of \$2.

Sylvester Hodges exhibited a very fine specimen of Greening apples, for which a premium was awarded of \$1.

We would especially notice, among the few on exhibition, a very fine dish of assorted apples, from Andrew M. Myrick.

Mr. Bushnell, from Sheffield, Berkshire County, exhibited specimens of apples, entirely new to us, "Northern Spy," very fine.

William G. Edwards, of New Bedford, one dish, very fine.

PEACHES.

Peaches have as yet, been somewhat neglected by our fruit growers on the island, therefore we had but a small show of seedlings. The finest dish of seedlings, was considered to have been contributed by Mrs. Mary C. Ewer, and we have awarded her a premium of 50 cents.

Freeman Parker exhibited a very fine dish, only excelled by Mrs. Ewer's in quality.

Miss Eunice Coleman, a very fine dish of seedlings.

John W. Coleman, one dish of seedlings.

Master Willie Barney, one dish of seedlings, as a donation; thus showing his desire for the prosperity of the society.

QUINCES.

For quinces, the Committee can only say that they have never before seen so good specimens, and of equal quality. After some considerable hesitation, they decided to award the first premium to Mrs. Timothy Fitzgerald, 50 cents.

Peter Folger, Josiah Gorham, J. B. Freeman, Shubael Clark, E. W. Gardner, Lewis H. Wendel, Wm. H. Waitt, H. G. O. Dunham, Master Barney, Mrs. Priscilla Wyer and Miss Ann Bunker were also exhibitors.

GRAPES.

It was not expected, owing to the season, that we should have much of an exhibition of Grapes; but your Committee were agreeably surprised, on finding a much larger display than anticipated.

James Thompson exhibited Black Hamburg, and Rose Chasselas, which in appearance could not be excelled by any from grape houses at home or abroad. Wishing to encourage the production of this fruit, your Committee would award him a premium of \$3.

David C. Baxter, Freeman Parker, and William R. Easton, exhibited the finest specimens of Isabella Grapes, and your Committee were at loss for some time, to whom they should award the first premium. Freeman Parker's being considered a little the most ripe, to him we award the first premium, \$1.50.

To William R. Easton, we award the second premium, \$1.

Nathaniel Barney, James Easton, E. H. Alley, and Lewis H. Wendel, exhibited very good specimens of Isabella Grapes, but not wholly ripe.

Mrs. George Myrick, among other good things, made a donation to the society of one dish of Isabella grapes.

E. H. Alley exhibited a few bunches of "White Sweetwater" grapes, as an indication of what he meant to do in future.

Your Committee not knowing whether the tastefully arranged baskets of fruit and vegetables, which were entered on exhibition, came within their duty, could but view them with pleasure, they having contributed their part to the interest of the third Annual Fair of the Nantucket Agricultural Society. One of them, by Sylvester Hodges, which was arranged in very good style, and the fruit, together with all that the basket contained, as your Committee were informed, grown on the premises of Mr. Hodges, we award a premium of \$1.

If your Committee were allowed, they would feel disposed to continue and add to their premiums. They will, however, notice a very fine pyramid of fruit and flowers, tastefully arranged, contributed by Mary Eliza Coffin.

The Society has, ever since its foundation, been very much indebted to

Mrs. George Myrick, for various articles, which have alike been of interest and a source of profit to the exhibition. She has again placed us under obligations, by contributing a new variety of fruit, viz: "Tomato Figs," prepared by herself. Your Committee can testify *as to their quality*.

Mrs. Andrew M. Myrick exhibited mixed pickles, only equalled by Davis's, of Boston.

The Society is also indebted to Mrs. E. H. Alley, Miss Eunice Coleman, and Mrs. Andrew J. Morton, for donations of mixed pickles, &c.

Messrs. E. H. Alley, Benj. G. Smith, and George Easton, exhibited very fine tomatoes. Of Mr. Easton's we would say that one of them weighed 1 pound 11 ounces.

There was but one exhibition of Strawberry tomatoes, Mr. Samuel B. Swain's, of Siasconset. They were not wholly ripe, and the Committee did not decide upon them.

James Thompson exhibited a South American nut, called "chufers," which are very fine to the taste. Mr. T. informs us that they are a very good substitute for coffee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM M. BATES,	} Committee.
JAMES THOMPSON,	
E. H. ALLEY,	

Field Crops.

The Nantucket Agricultural Society's Committee on Field Crops, offer the following Report:—

That they have attended to the duties assigned to them, and would state that the number of entries for premiums for field crops was five. One by Allen Smith, of his crop of corn, being sixty-five bushels to the acre: for which your Committee award the Society's first premium of \$5.

One by Edward Macy, of his crop of hay, being three tons to one acre at the first cutting, and one ton at the second cutting—four tons in all; for which crop we award the first premium of \$3.

We also award to Edward Macy, the Society's first premium of \$3 for his crop of yellow-eyed beans; being five bushels and two quarts from one quarter of an acre of land.

Edward W. Gardner offered a crop of wheat and a crop of potatoes, both of which were of excellent quality; but the Committee do not feel warranted in awarding any premium, on account of the quantity.

EDWARD C. JOY, *Chairman pro tem.*

ALLEN SMITH'S STATEMENT.

The acre of corn which I offer for a premium, is a part of four acres of sandy loam, from which grass has been grown for the last six years. Last year (1857) it produced about one ton of hay to the acre. Last winter I applied twenty-five loads of liquid night soil to this acre, each load containing one hundred and twenty gallons. I plowed on the first day of April, and planted the corn on the fifth day of May, in rows four feet distant from each other each way. I put no manure into the hills. The corn planted was the smutty white and Swain corn. I put five kernels into each hill. The piece was "cultivated" three times, and hoed three times.

RESULT IN CROP.

65 bushels good corn, worth	\$65.00
5 do. pig or inferior corn, at 50 cents,	2.50
2 loads of pumpkins,	4.00
1 bushel of beans,	2.00
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	\$73.50

EXPENSE OF CULTIVATION.

Plowing,	\$4.00
Planting and seed,	1.25
"Cultivating" and hoeing,	5.00
Manure,	12.50
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	\$22.75
Net profit,	<hr/>
	\$50.75

I make no statement of the expense of harvesting, because I think the value of the stalks as fodder, is equal to that with the interest on the value of the land. I charge the whole of the manure, as I think that when applied in a liquid state, it is all consumed the first season.

ALLEN SMITH.

STATEMENT BY SAME OF A MIXED CROP.

I had 103 rods of land, which in 1857 bore a crop of corn; last Spring I furrowed the rows 3 1-2 feet apart and put 10 loads of manure in the furrows. I cut potatoes, leaving two eyes in each piece. I dropped these pieces 18 inches apart, and put one or two peas between them. The last of July I planted white beans between the rows, the hills being about two

feet apart. The potatoes were hoed three times; the beans once. The result was as follows:—

60 bushels of potatoes, sold at \$1.00 per bushel,	. . .	\$60.00
30 " green pease, " 1.25 " "	. . .	37.00
8 " white beans, " 2.50 " "	. . .	20.00
300 " pumpkins, " . . .	. . .	6.00
		<hr/> \$123.00

The expenses of cultivation were—

Plowing and planting,	\$4.60
Ten loads of manure,	5.00
Three bushels of seed,	3.50
Hoeing and cultivating,	9.00
Harvesting,	5.00
Three quarts seed pease, at 30 cents, . . . . .	.90
Six quarts beans, at 8 cents, . . . . .	.48

\$28.48

Balance or net profit,

94.52

\$123.00

Or \$146.82 per acre, exclusive of interest on value of land.

ALLEN SMITH.

Nantucket, Oct. 13th, 1858.

Flowers.

The Committee on Flowers, award the following premiums:—

To Mrs. E. H. Alley, for cut flowers, 56 varieties,	. . .	\$1.00
" " " pot "	. . .	.50
" Miss Sally A. Coleman, cut flowers,	. . .	1.00
" " Mary E. Coffin, pyramid of flowers,	. . .	1.00
" Mrs. Marvin, one pot plant,	. . .	.50
" " Davis Gorham, one pot plant	. . .	.50
" " James Thompson, cut flowers,	. . .	.75
" " Charles E. Coffin, one basket flowers,	. . .	1.00
" " William Starbuck, for one cone of dahlias,	. . .	.75
" " Joseph O. Bodfish, one vase of dahlias,	. . .	.50
" " Nathaniel Barney, for cut flowers,	. . .	1.00

CROMWELL BARNARD, JR., }

ELIZABETH STARBUCK, }

EMILY SHAW, }

Committee.

Forest and Fruit Trees.

The Committee on Forest and Fruit Trees, report—

One entry of Forest Trees by Edward W. Gardner; about eight acres of one year old pines, which have grown fast and look healthy, for which they award him the first premium of \$5.

There were two entries of Fruit Trees. The first by James Thompson, of twenty-seven pear trees on pear bottoms, planted in rows for standards; they look well, and will probably make large and healthy trees, for which they award him the first premium, \$3.

The second by Nathaniel Barney, of twenty-one pear trees on quince bottoms; most of these trees are planted on the east side of a brick wall; they have borne abundantly, and have grown well and look healthy, but being on quince stumps and quince roots, they will not make handsome trees. Therefore they only award to him the second premium of \$2.

WILLIAM H. SHAW,	}	Committee.
HENRY COFFIN,		
CROMWELL BARNARD, JR.,		

Horses.

The Committee on Horses, beg leave to report—

That there were no matched horses offered for exhibition; neither were there any stallions. There were several mares with their colts (the colts from four months to three years old,) on the ground, but owing to the unfavorable weather at the time we made the examination, the animals were not in the best condition, being wet, cold, and restive from the beating rain, making it more difficult to ascertain the true condition of the animals on show.

The Committee award to Charles Swain, for the best mare and colt, the first premium of \$3. This colt was five months old, and was a beautiful animal in all his points.

To Thomas Ray, for the second best mare and colt, the second premium of \$2. This colt was also five months old, and a handsome animal.

The Committee also award to Henry Swain, for the best colt of three years, the sum of \$3.

To William Starbuck, for the best colt of two years, the sum of \$2.

To John J. Gardner, for the best colt of one year, the sum of \$1.

There were many mares and colts on the ground, which claimed the at-

tention of the Committee, and evinced the deep interest taken to improve the stock on our Island.

Among the old colts which give good promise, is that of William Starbuck, 2 1-2 years old, weighing over one thousand pounds, very docile, kind every way, a most splendid animal, and would have been entitled to the first premium, but for coming within the rules as to age; and then, too, he received the premium last year, for one year colts.

We cannot help giving notice of Mr. Starbuck's fine mare and colt of five months old at her side. They would at once come in for the first premium but for having previously taken it. The mare is black in color, and perfect, except a lameness in one of her fore feet. She weighs over eleven hundred pounds, and is in excellent condition other than the lame foot. The colt at her side is a splendid animal, and we think it gives promise and will prove one of the best colts on our Island. The color is the same as the mother—black.

Those of Messrs. Joseph Folger, Arnold Morse, and Joseph Vincent, were fine specimens, and worthy of notice, being all about the same age.

We were highly pleased with all we saw, and hope another year there may be even more interest manifested. We would earnestly recommend our citizens, for the future, who may have a good horse, or horses, to send them for show, even if objecting to enter for premium. We think it would help to enliven and forward the interest of the Agricultural Society.

MATTHEW CROSBY, } Committee.
F. C. SANFORD, }

Cows and Heifers.

Your Committee on awards for Cows and Heifers, respectfully submit the following Report:—

For the only herd of five cows, entered for premium, which belonged to Arnold Morse, we award the first premium of \$8.

To Alanson Swain, for his 7-8 Durham cow, "Flora," we award the first premium for best cow, \$4.

To William R. Easton, for the second best cow, \$3.

To Shubael Worth, for the best three years old, \$3.

To Joseph Vincent, for the best two years old, \$3.

To " " " the second best two years old, \$2.

To Alanson Swain, for a 15-16 Durham, one year old, \$1.

There was a herd of very fine cows on exhibition by Andrew M. Myrick,

which took the first premium last year, which were evidently as good as then.

Three cows were on exhibition by Zimri Cathcart, which were worthy of note.

Two by Shubael Worth, as good cows as can be found at their age, and have given as much milk when in their prime, as ought to be expected of any cow.

Two cows by James Thompson, were fine looking animals. The statement which he gives of one, can be found on another page.

Two cows by Burgess T. Simmons; one a young native cow, of great merit, the other a noble looking native cow, which gives very rich milk.

One cow by Frederick G. Coffin, nearly came up to the first premium. She had taken the second premium two years ago, and was not entitled to it again.

Capt. E. W. Gardner, President of the Society, had two cows on exhibition, which would have done credit to any one that kept them.

One cow by Shubael M. Winslow, which looked as though she had been, and was now, a good milker.

THREE YEARS OLD.

Zimri Cathcart, Charles G. Coffin, George Gibbs, Edward F. Joy, and Albert Easton, one each, all showing evidence that they will be good cows.

TWO YEARS OLD.

One by Shubael Worth, the largest on the grounds, but not well marked for a good cow.

One by Arnold Morse, well marked and likely looking.

Three by Joseph Vincent, in addition to the two which took the first and second premiums.

YEARLINGS.

One by Zimri Cathcart, in calf, and well formed for a good cow.

One by John Winn, as likely a year old as can be found of mixed blood.

Michael Nevins, one fourteen months old, very handsome.

E. W. Gardner, one nineteen months old, well formed, and came from his best cow.

CALVES.

One ten months old, white, hornless, and well marked, by Master J. Munroe Thompson. One three months, by Master A. R. Worth, very large of the age, and handsome. One by Shubael Worth, very fine, and came from his best cow, that took the first premium last year.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the cows and heifers on the grounds this year, were in better condition than those of the last two years,

giving evidence that the farmers and others, are taking better care of their stock than they have taken heretofore; and we cannot say too much in praise of those who were not deterred by the storm, from bringing into the Fair, animals that were very valuable, and at some risk in driving, at such a time, and in such weather as they had to encounter.

We also request all those persons who have not taken premiums this year, and all who have good stock or animals of any kind, to begin now and prepare them for next year's fair; and if they should not obtain a premium on them, they will pay more than the difference in cost of keeping, by their greater value.

We cannot close, without a last and strong recommendation to the Society, and to all Committees who may have the duties of this department in future years, to be careful and not give a premium to any one who does not give such statements as the Society may require. And we here suggest to the Society, to require a written tabular statement for the whole year previous to the Fair, of the amount of milk which each cow gives. Your Committee can have only the good of the Society at heart, when they make the above suggestion. We all know that some cows will give a large quantity of milk for a short time, and then fall off to a small mess, when another will give not so great a quantity at first, but will give one-third more in the whole year.

JAMES THOMPSON,
BURGESS T. SIMMONS, } Committee.
DAVID FOLGER,

ABSTRACT OF SHUBAEL WORTH'S STATEMENT CONCERNING HIS HEIFER.

She was 3 years old in the spring of 1858, and between May 16th and August 27th, 1858, gave 834 1-4 lbs. of milk. The food of this heifer was four quarts of coarse and fine feed per day, with plenty of good hay and pasturage up to August 20th. After that grass and cornstalks only.

ABSTRACT OF ALANSON SWAIN'S STATEMENT, RELATIVE TO HIS PREMIUM COW "FLORA."

From June 13th, 1858, to August 31st, 1858, "Flora" yielded 2409 lbs. of milk. During the first twenty-four days of this period, she gave 1050 1-2 lbs; during the next 25 days, 856 1-2 lbs., and during the remaining 16 days, 502 lbs.

"Flora" has not had a mess during the season. She is seven-eighths Durham. She was imported from Ohio in February, 1857, and had her calf, "Flora, Jr.," June 6th, 1857, which was sired by the full blooded Durham bull, "Randolph," of Cleveland, Ohio. "Randolph" took the first premium at the Cleveland fair, the same year. She had her second calf (a male) May 14th, 1858. He remained with the cow till June 27th. Both calves accompany her.

STATEMENT CONCERNING WM. R. EASTON'S PREMIUM COW.

My cow is five years old. She came in with her second calf on the 29th of June last. For the first six weeks, she gave from 39 to 41 1-2 lbs. of milk per day. We have made ten lbs. of butter per week until within a fortnight; using milk to make up all our bread, and for tea and coffee all the time. She now gives from 28 to 32 lbs. of milk per day, and we make eight lbs. of butter per week. Her milk is of the best quality; I never saw better, if so good. This cow wintered on hay and corn stalks. Since she came in, her regular mess has been two quarts of the coarsest canal per day. She has been in a good pasture.

WILLIAM R. EASTON.

Nantucket, Oct. 14th, 1858.

STATEMENT OF JAMES THOMPSON TO THE COMMITTEE ON AWARDS FOR COWS AND HEIFERS.

GENTLEMEN:—I enter two cows, one for a premium and one for exhibition. The cow "Katy" was four years old last June. I have owned her since last November. She is a cross of the native and Ayrshire, as near as I can trace her pedigree. She calved the 18th of November 1857, and will come in again December 11th. Her food in winter has been good hay, one quart Indian meal and three quarts coarse shorts, and so on up to June 1st, 1858. From that time up to July 25th, she had at times, when the grass was short, one quart of Indian meal and one of feed per day. From July 25th, to September 25th, her food was grass during the day, and corn stalks at night.

PRODUCT.—From the time she calved, up to Sept. 1st, nine months and twelve days, she gave 6822 lbs., or 3118 quarts of milk.

My cow "Rhody," for exhibition, was five years old last April, calved last July, is half Ayrshire and half Durham. I have not owned her long enough to know what she will do; and therefore do not enter her for a premium.

Master James M. Thompson exhibits a white calf, "Lily," ten months old, from his father's cow.

JAMES THOMPSON.

STATEMENT OF FREDERICK G. COFFIN.

My cow "Dolly," calved the first day of May, 1858. On the 26th, I commenced weighing her milk, which was as follows:

May.	lbs. oz.	June.	lbs. oz.	July.	lbs. oz.	Aug.	lbs. oz.	Sept.	lbs. oz.	Oct.	lbs. oz.
26	46 03	17	45 03	7	36 03	10	21 09	22	25 02	2	26
27	48 07	18	47 15			11	30 09	23	26 02	3	25 10
28	49 11	19	39 11			12	30 01	24	27 02	4	26
29	51 11	20	42 04							5	23 10
30	47 14	21	39 11								
31	49 10	22	41 02								
		23	36 03								
293 08		292 01		36 03		82 03		78 06		101 04	

Her food was 4 quarts coarse feed, and two quarts meal per day.

FREDERICK G. COFFIN.

ANDREW R. WORTH'S STATEMENT.

I enter for premium at the Cattle Show, my cow "Jennie." She is 8 1-2 years old, was raised by Mr. Joseph Vincent, and is 1-4 Durham, and 3-4 native or mixed blood. She calved about March 15th. She averaged 40 lbs. of milk up to May 7th, when I purchased her of Mr. David Folger. She had then a bad cut on her teat, which irritated her very much, and she averaged from May 7th to June 1st, but 33 lbs. of milk per day. During the month of June she averaged 39 1-2 lbs. of milk per day; and 33 lbs. per day during the month of August. She now yields 25 1-2 lbs. per day. Her feed has been, since I have owned her, four quarts of coarse and fine feed per day, with plenty of good hay, and pasture up to August 20th. Since then her feed has been only grass and corn stalks.

ANDREW R. WORTH.

Bulls.

Your Committee on Bulls, report that there were four entered for premiums:—

One 27 months old, of mixed blood, entered by Charles C. Folger, to which we award the premium of \$5.

One native, 30 months old, entered by Zimri Cathcart, to which we award the premium of \$3.

There were two 17 months old, of mixed blood, entered by Edward Macy and Joseph Vincent, which were very fine looking animals.

There was but one full blood on exhibition—the Ayrshire owned by the Nantucket Agricultural Society. This bull was a very fine one, combining all the good points usually found in this noble breed. Your Committee regret that there was no competition in blood bulls, as it was thought that the liberal premium offered would have induced some to import blood bulls.

The Chairman of the Committee desires to say a word or two in relation to the awarding of premiums for bulls. The importance of the subject is the apology for offering his opinions, uncalled for. This class of animals is receiving a larger share of the attention of farmers than formerly. And it is pretty generally admitted by them that it costs no more to keep good breeds than poor ones; and as most of the farmers of this county depend largely for whatever profit may be derived from farming operations, upon their dairy, it is very important that they should select the best breeds for that purpose, and the question naturally arises, what is the best breed? This question I would leave to those better qualified than I am to answer; but that it can be found in our native breed, is, I think, very doubtful. No one will deny that occasionally we find a specimen of native breed of superior excellence. But is there any assurance that their qualities will be transmitted to their offspring? Are not the repeated failures proof that but little reliance can be placed upon the experiment? If this is true, we see how useless it is to encourage the rearing of this kind of stock by offering premiums; as a bull, however handsome, has no value in himself: it is only his superior progeny which makes him valuable. There is no doubt but that our native stock can be made equal to blood stock, but this can only be done by a long course of careful breeding; and until this systematic course is pursued, and a native breed of known and approved merit is established among us, is it not the part of wisdom to avail ourselves of the experience of those whose attention has long been directed to that subject? When we consider the immense loss annually sustained by the breeding and rearing of cattle of an ordinary character, we are impelled to urge upon the attention of the Society, the importance of encouraging the use only of such bulls as are known in pedigree and of pure blood, by offering premiums on such, and such only.

For the Committee,

ALLEN SMITH.

Working Oxen and Steers.

The Nantucket Agricultural Society's Committee on Working Oxen and Steers, have attended to the business assigned them, and ask leave to report—

That the only oxen offered for premium, was one yoke from Jacob B. Gibbs, to whom your Committee award the Society's first premium of \$4.

One yoke of noble oxen was on exhibition by Charles Starbuck, which took the premium at the Society's Fair, last year. There were no steers offered for premium or exhibition.

For the Committee,

WILLIAM BARTLETT, Chairman.

Swine.

Your Committee on Swine, have attended to their duties, and would report as follows:—

The show of Swine was small, yet probably had the weather been passably pleasant, there would have been more. There was on exhibition (at the hour appointed by the Society for all stock to be on the ground,) one sow, the property of Edward F. Easton, attended by her juvenile band of 11 little pigs, twelve days old. She was a large, well-proportioned beast, worthy of exhibition, and her offspring were very neat, plump little fellows, well versed in the dead language. Your Committee would award to Mr. Easton the first premium of \$5.

There was also another lot of hogs which arrived upon the ground at half past one P. M. This lot comprised one large black sow, two years old, Essex breed, and two boar shoats. The morning being very stormy, this lot did not arrive on the ground within the time prescribed by the Society.

Your Committee would say that they have not desired to overstep the limits of the Society's rules, but considering all the circumstances, and carefully weighing them, have agreed to award the premiums, unless our decision shall conflict with the rules of the Society. They do therefore award to Capt. Edward W. Gardner, who is the owner of them, the following premiums:—For the best sow, \$3; for the best boar, \$4; for the second best boar, \$2.

For the Committee,

ALBERT EASTON.

Poultry.

Your Committee on Poultry, report that they have attended to the duties assigned them, and have awarded the following premiums:—

1st premium of \$3, to E. H. Alley.

2d “ of \$2, to James Thompson.

3d “ of \$1, to Andrew R. Worth.

The flock sent in by Master Alanson Swain Barney, was very good, and he is entitled to much credit.

Also, those of Zimri Cathcart are entitled to the same credit.

Your Committee are of the opinion that if each person were to send in a written statement of the pedigree of the fowls, the expense of keeping, and the number of eggs laid, they would then be better able to judge of each flock.

For the Committee,

F. A. CHASE.

Butter.

The Committee appointed by the Nantucket Agricultural Society to award the premiums upon Butter, beg leave to report—

That there were two lots of butter presented: one by Mrs. Charles W. Gardner, the other by Edward Macy.

The Committee award the first premium of \$3, to Mrs. Charles W. Gardner. The second premium of \$2, to Edward Macy.

TIMOTHY W. CALDER,	} Committee.
MRS. ARNOLD MORSE,	
MRS. C. C. FOLGER,	

Cranberries.

The Committee on Cranberries, report—

That although some fine samples of cranberries were exhibited on the tables in the hall, no large quantity was exhibited for premium; nor was any statement made, relative to the culture of cranberries during the year.

The hopes entertained by those, largely engaged in raising cranberries, of an abundant harvest, were blasted by an untimely frost in September. We do not overstate the loss, when we say that more than one-half of all the cranberries ripening in that month, at Nantucket, were wholly spoiled for the market. It is rare, however, that this casualty happens; and we trust that our agriculturists will not be deterred by it from reclaiming the boggy wastes which abound on our island, but will persevere, and largely increase the yearly product of this valuable fruit, which is always salable at remunerative prices.

The finest specimens were exhibited by Henry Swain and Edward Chase. We rated each sample No. 1. Obed Starbuck exhibited a sample, rated 2. Edward W. Gardner, 3. John J. Gardner, 4. Henry Coffin, 5. Hannah Winslow, 6.

We hope that hereafter, our farmers will state the quantity of land cultivated by them, with cost of land and culture, and amount of crop produced. It will be of great public advantage for them to make such suggestions relative to the mode of culture, and kind of fruit as they may be able to offer, results of their observation and experience.

JOHN J. GARDNER, } Committee.
EDWARD W. PERRY, }

Bread and Honey.

The Committee on Bread and Honey have attended to the duty assigned them, and respectfully report—

That the most excellent specimen of domestic bread was offered by Joanna Corey, to whom your Committee award a premium of 50 cents.

The best specimen of tea biscuit, was a donation from Mrs. Burgess T. Simmons, to whom we award a gratuity of 50 cents.

Mrs. A. M. Myrick's bread, made from native wheat, was admirable; and your Committee cheerfully award her a premium of 50 cents. She also exhibited a sample of excellent sweet corn, of her own curing.

Mrs. Phebe Bailey presented the Fair with a new kind of excellent fruit cake, composed partly of pork and molasses, for which your Committee think her entitled to a gratuity of 50 cents.

To Mrs. Judith Nye, who exhibited a loaf of superior dress cake, we award a premium of 50 cents. Also the same award for superior sponge cake.

HONEY.

The best display of honey in quantity and quality, was exhibited by Capt. E. W. Gardner, to whom we award a premium of \$1.

Mrs. William C. Folger exhibited a small specimen, of very excellent quality, for which your Committee think her entitled to a gratuity of 50 cents.

MRS. MARY M. WATSON, }
 " DAVID MITCHELL, } Committee.
 " F. A. CHASE, }

Plowing.

The Committee appointed to direct the plowing match and to inspect the work of the competing teams, report—

That only three teams engaged in the contest. Stephen S. Gibbs plowed twenty rods in thirty-eight minutes, with a pair of oxen; and the Committee award to him the first premium of \$4.

Zimri Cathcart plowed twenty rods in thirty-two minutes, and to him the Committee award the second premium of \$3.

Edward W. Gardner's horse team plowed twenty rods in thirty-one minutes, and to him the Committee award the third premium of \$2. E. W. Gardner's plowing was rather deeper, but the furrow was not turned quite so well.

For the Committee,

EDWARD C. JOY.

Fancy Articles.

The Committee on Fancy Articles would report as follows:—

The Society having failed to define the kinds of work to which premiums should be awarded, the Committee, after mature deliberation, have reached the conclusions to which they have arrived, by the exercise of their best judgment. The array of fancy articles was less extensive and imposing than that of last year, yet there were many beautiful specimens of handiwork, exhibiting great industry and artistic skill, and here the Committee used the greatest care and all the skill they possessed, to enable them

to arrive at correct and just conclusions; and if they have failed to give entire satisfaction, they will have that to regret which they very much desired to avoid.

EMBROIDERY.

Some beautiful embroidery was exhibited. To Mrs. Benjamin S. Morton, for excellent embroidery, and other needle-work and hair-work, we would award a premium of \$1.

To Mrs. A. P. Moore, and Mrs. J. C. Rogers, for a show-case of embroidery, very fine, we would award Diplomas.

To Miss Anna C. Ray, for cambric and flannel embroidery of excellent workmanship, we award a Diploma.

To Miss Harriet A. Coleman, for a cambric set, we award a gratuity of 50 cents.

To Miss Sarah F. Barnard, for a needle-work collar, we award 50 cents.

To Mrs. Zenas Fish, for embroidered robe, very nice, we would award a Diploma.

To Miss Priscilla Chase, for embroidered robe, of excellent workmanship, we award a Diploma.

To Miss Annie Brown, for a quilt and skirt, very fine, we award a Diploma.

To Mrs. George Starbuck, Jr., for a beautiful Antimacassar, we would award a Diploma.

Mrs. Haggerty exhibited a child's dress, very neatly worked.

WORSTED WORK.

To Miss Jane Coffin, for two, and Miss Emma Crosby, for one piece of work of great beauty and excellent workmanship, we would award a Diploma.

To Miss Sarah Wendall Macy, for a sofa pillow, beautifully wrought, we would award a Diploma.

To Miss Carrie W. Starbuck, for a crochet shawl and rigolette, very neat, we award a Diploma.

To Miss Lizzie C. Gardner, for a crochet shawl, we award a Diploma.

A picture and two crickets of great merit, were exhibited by Mrs. Joseph A. Cook, for which we would award a Diploma.

Mrs. George H. Cash exhibited some pictures which are worthy of honorable mention; and Mrs. E. R. Folger a sofa pillow, which is very handsome.

Mrs. Bigelow exhibited a screen and mats, deserving of honorable mention.

Mrs. John W. Macy and Miss Mary H. Tuck exhibited Antimacassars,

which deserve honorable notice. Miss Eliza D. Gardner also exhibited one wrought with colors, which was much admired and is worthy of praise.

DRAWINGS, EGYPTIAN PAINTINGS, SHELL, LEATHER, AND CONE WORK.

For Egyptian painting, we would award to Miss Mary J. Cottle a Diploma.

For pen and ink sketches, we would award to Mr. George M. Bunker a gratuity of \$1.

For cone frame, we award to Miss Sarah W. Folger \$1.

For shell cornucopia of algæ, we award to Mrs. James Thompson a Diploma.

For a cornucopia of algæ, with frame of shells, we award to Annie Wood a Diploma.

For a potichomania vase, and shell work with a leather frame, we would award to Mrs. A. M. Myrick a gratuity of \$1.

The cone work of Mrs. Simmons, deserves honorable mention.

For crayon drawings, we would award to Andrew R. Worth a Diploma.

For his beautiful aquarium, we would award to E. W. Tallant a Diploma.

For flowers, dried and grouped, we award to Mrs. James Macy a Diploma.

To Miss Louisa M. Chadwick, for her ingenious and beautiful "Baby Show," we would award \$1.

To Miss Mary E. King, for frame containing handsome book-marks, we award a premium of 25 cents.

MISCELLANEOUS.

There were many articles exhibited by various persons, which tended to adorn the Hall, and added very much to the interest of the occasion, which deserve attention and honorable mention.

Mr. E. T. Kelley exhibited a fine crayon picture.

Miss Catharine Austin exhibited a neat bead bag, and made a donation of several articles of value.

Mrs. Burgess of West Barnstable, exhibited some very nice hair work.

Mrs. George Paddock, 2d, exhibited some shell and moss work.

Mrs. Alexander C. Russell, a cone frame and moss and shell work.

Mrs. James Wyer, some very fine and delicate shell work.

Mrs. John Coleman, a lamp mat and Antimacassar, very fine.

Andrew P. Walcott exhibited a very good painting.

Miss Emeline Coffin, a cone frame.

Miss Mary F. Arthur, a worsted chair seat, beautifully wrought.

Mrs. Hannah Winslow exhibited wool bats and bayberry candles, well made.

Mrs. Henry Cottle exhibited a very good quilt.

Some minerals, and a very prettily dressed anchor, were exhibited by Miss Annie Wood: the anchor a donation.

Mrs. Egan exhibited a nicely wrought worsted picture.

Joseph Sydney Mitchell, a map of South America, very neatly drawn.

Misses Mary J. and Martha Gardner exhibited mats, and an Antimacassar, very neat, and made a donation of articles of value.

Miss Mary Easton exhibited some nice embroidery.

Mrs. Betsey Jenkins, a quilt wrought by herself.

Miss Ann Eliza Gardner exhibited very nice embroidery.

A toilet cushion, very neat, was exhibited by Mrs. Sarah Davis, and some nice moss work, by Miss Amelia Coffin.

Some very fine embroidery was exhibited by Harriet A. Sayer, and a very nice quilt by Mrs. Phebe H. Gardner.

Maria Simmons exhibited some nice cone work.

Mrs. George R. Folger exhibited a beautiful wax flower-basket, and leather-work frame; and some crochet work was exhibited by Hattie A. Folger.

A reticule and slippers, by Mrs. James Mackay, very neat.

To the scholars of the Siasconset public school, for a box of miscellaneous articles very prettily got up, we would award a Diploma containing the names of the contributors, as follows:—Lydia Ann Worth, Emma B. Coffin, Sarah Bunker Wood, Elizabeth F. Pitman, Lottie A. Pitman, Sophronia W. Holmes, Eliza Macy Joy, Emma J. Morey, Albert B. Pitman, Samuel Pitman, James F. Pitman, David G. Worth.

WILLIAM R. EASTON,	} Committee.
JOHN H. SHAW,	
CATHARINE STARBUCK,	
EUNICE COLEMAN,	
SARAH STARBUCK,	
MARGARET COFFIN,	

Manufactured Articles.

The Committee to whom was referred the manufactured wares, respectfully report the following entries and awards:—

A clipper ship, made and entered by Capt. William Baxter, representing

the cutting in of a whale, attracted much attention, especially from visitors to our island, and displayed much ingenuity ; and we award him a Diploma.

A chopping-tray and rolling-pin, made by Nathan Gibbs, was well got up for service.

A martin-house, made and entered by Charles Parker, showed considerable taste, and is entitled to a premium of \$1.

A fancy cottage of paper, made and entered by Frederick C. Alley, showing considerable juvenile taste, for which we award him a gratuity of 25 cents.

A fancy cottage of paper made and entered by William Briggs, neatly made, and we award him a gratuity of 25 cents.

One of Singer's sewing machines was on exhibition, which, from appearance, would do up the work in good shape.

A mahogany table, made and entered by Reuben G. Folger, the top consisting of 558 pieces, neatly inlaid, attracted much attention, and we award him a Diploma.

A pair of carved ducks, entered by Mrs. Charles G. Coffin, deserve our notice.

A table and two ottomans, made by Capt. Charles P. Worth, show considerable skill, and we award him a gratuity of 50 cents.

A lot of ivory napkin rings, spoon, butter knife, &c., richly carved, entered by Capt. Robert M'Cleave ; also a spool stand and tub, made of wood taken from the house formerly occupied by John Adams, at Pitcairn's Island, attracted much attention, and deserve praise for the manufacturer.

A silver tea set, and jewelry, entered on exhibition by Nathaniel Coggeshall, of superior workmanship and style, deserve praise.

A windmill, entered by Master Gifford, made on board of the South Shoal Light Ship, attracted much attention among the juveniles.

A case of jewelry, entered by Hammond & Co., was neatly arranged, and worthy of note.

A flower stand, made by Thomas B. Field, of a very convenient construction.

A small chair entered by Mary F. Arthur, made from a whale's jaw bone, displaying a considerable amount of patience.

A number of small ivory mortars, made and entered by George A. Easton, were worthy of note.

Samples of chemical olive, salt water, fancy and soft soaps, made and entered by Messrs. C. G. & H. Coffin, were of a superior quality, and we award them a Diploma.

A collection of gas fixtures, entered by Messrs. Easton, Thompson and Macy, contributed largely to make the occasion interesting.

Specimens of ambrotypes, taken and entered by William Summerhays, we think of a superior order, especially those colored, which rendered them surely life-like; and we award him the Society's Diploma.

A one-horse mowing machine, offered for exhibition and sale by the agent, G. W. Macy, attracted the attention of our farmers. It was from the celebrated manufactory of Messrs. Nourse, Mason & Co., of Boston, which fact is of itself a recommendation for all agricultural implements, and we think it just the machine wanted by farmers generally. Can be seen by calling at the store of George W. Macy.

ROBERT F. MACY,
WILLIAM H. COFFIN, } Committee.
JOHN MAXCY, JR., }

STATEMENT of the Finances of the Nantucket Agricultural Society, for the year ending Nov. 30th, 1858.

Whole amount received for membership.....	\$31.00	Total amount paid for expenses.....	\$260.04
For "Bruce,".....	9.00	Whole amount paid for premiums.....	216.25
" Interest.....	27.36	Cash in hands of Treasurer,.....	357.30
" Fair.....	272.48		
From State-Treasurer.....	206.00		
" other sources.....	12.25		
Cash balance from last year.....	275.50		
	<u>\$833.59</u>		<u>\$833.59</u>
Whole amount of Assets belonging to the Nantucket Agricultural Society.			
Stock invested in Notes,....\$955.00			
"Bruce,".....75.00			
Sundry amounts now due for Interest, and "Bruce,".....53.55			
Cash in hands of Treasurer,.....357.30			
<u>\$1440.85</u>			

WILLIAM M. BATES, Treasurer.

NANTUCKET, Nov. 30, 1858.

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

Of the third Annual Meeting of the Nantucket Agricultural Society, held pursuant to notice, at the Athenaeum Committee Room, on Monday evening, Dec. 13th, 1858, at 7 o'clock.

The office of Recording Secretary being vacant, William H. Waitt was chosen Secretary for the evening.

It was voted to publish the "Transactions of the Society" for the year 1858, in pamphlet form, and that they be printed at home, if the expense of publication should not vary considerably from the cost of publication abroad. The care of publication was assigned to the Board of officers about to be chosen.

A motion was made for the purchase of land near the town, for the purpose of laying out suitable Fair and Exhibition grounds; and the Society voted to refer the whole subject of the motion to a committee for investigation and report.

The Society then proceeded to the choice of officers, and they were chosen, and their names are published on a subsequent page.

A vote of thanks to the officers of the Society for the last year, was then unanimously passed. It was voted to adjourn the meeting for one week, and it then adjourned.

December 20th, (Monday,) at 7 o'clock P. M., the Society met by adjournment, and the Committee appointed to investigate the subject of the purchase of land for the uses of the annual Exhibition of Stock, &c., reported that they considered the purchase expedient, and they also recommended the purchase of pine lots

Nos. 1 and 2, situated at the southern border of the town, and at the right hand of the road to Siasconset. After due discussion of the Report, it was unanimously adopted, and the same committee, viz :—James Thompson, Shubael Worth, Elijah H. Alley, Charles C. Folger, and Edward W. Gardner, were appointed to make the purchase, and to lay out the grounds.

The meeting then adjourned without day. It may be added, that the Committee have made the purchase, defined a track for the exhibition of horses, and will surround the grounds with a suitable fence, erect a gateway, and make other erections and arrangements requisite in the premises, consistent with the funds of the Society.

JAMES M. BUNKER, *Secretary.*

THE NANTUCKET
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
WILL HOLD ITS FOURTH
CATTLE SHOW AND FAIR
ON
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 12 AND 13,
1859:

*And all persons are requested to contribute for Exhibition or
Premium all things Useful or Ornamental, which they
can produce.*

THE SOCIETY
OFFERS THE FOLLOWING LIST OF PREMIUMS,
For the encouragement of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

OFFICERS FOR 1858-9,

Being the fourth year of the existence of the Nantucket Agricultural Society,

President,

JAMES THOMPSON.

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PREMIUMS.

At a meeting of the officers, held Dec. 18th, 1858, the following list of premiums and regulations was adopted, and ordered to be published with the proceedings of the past year:

JAMES THOMPSON, *President.*

JAMES M. BUNKER, *Secretary.*

Nantucket, Dec. 18, 1858.

TREES.

For the best lot of Pine or other Forest Trees, of not less than five acres, from seed planted within five years,	\$5 00
For the second best,	3 00
For the best lot of Fruit Trees, not less than twenty in number, and set out within three years,	3 00
For the second best,	2 00

CROPS.

CORN.

For the best crop of Corn, from not less than one acre,	5 00
For the second best,	3 00

RYE.

For the best crop of Rye, from not less than one acre,	3 00
For the second best,	2 00

WHEAT.

For the best crop of Wheat, from not less than one acre,	5 00
For the second best,	3 00

POTATOES.

For the best crop of Potatoes, from not less than one acre,	4 00
For the second best,	2 00

OATS.

For the best crop of Oats, from not less than one acre,	4 00
For the second best,	3 00

BARLEY.

For the best crop of Barley, from not less than one acre, . . .	\$3 00
For the second best,	2 00

HAY.

For the best crop of Hay, from not less than one acre, . . .	3 00
For the second best,	2 00

BEETS.

For the best crop of Beets, from not less than one-quarter acre, . .	2 00
For the second best,	1 00

TURNIPS.

For the best crop of Turnips, from not less than one-half acre,	3 00
For the second best,	2 00

CARROTS.

For the best crop of Carrots, from not less than one-half acre, . .	3 00
For the second best,	2 00

ONIONS.

For the best crop of Onions, from not less than one-quarter acre, .	3 00
For the second best,	2 00

BEANS.

For the best crop of Beans, from not less than one-quarter acre, .	3 00
For the second best,	2 00

CRANBERRIES.

For the best crop of Cranberries, from not less than one-quarter acre,	5 00
For the second best,	4 00
For the third best,	3 00

STRAWBERRIES.

For the best crop of Strawberries, from not less than one-quarter acre,	3 00
For the second best,	2 00

VEGETABLES.

Premiums and gratuities for Garden Vegetables will be awarded, not exceeding in amount the sum of	15 00
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STOCK.

HORSES.

For the best blood Stallion,	\$20 00
For the best Mare and Colt,	5 00
For the second best do. do.,	3 00
For the best 3 years old Colt,	3 00
For the second best do.,	2 00
For the best 2 years old Colt,	2 00
For the second best do.,	1 00
For the best 1 year old Colt,	1 00

COWS AND HEIFERS.

For the best herd of Cows, of not less than five,	8 00
For the second best,	5 00
For the best Durham, Ayrshire, Devon, or Jersey Cow,	5 00
For the best native or grade cow,	5 00
For the second best,	3 00
For the best 2 years old Heifer,	3 00
For the second best do.,	2 00
For the best 1 year old Heifer,	1 00

BULLS.

For the best Bull of pure foreign blood,	20 00
For the best of native or mixed blood,	5 00
For the second best,	3 00

WORKING OXEN AND STEERS.

For the best yoke of Working Oxen,	4 00
For the second best,	3 00
For the best yoke of Steers,	3 00
For the second best do.,	2 00

SHEEP.

For the best Ram,	3 00
For the second best,	2 00
For the best lot of Ewes, not less than five,	3 00
For the second best do.,	2 00

HOGS.

For the best Boar,	4 00
For the second best,	2 00
For the best Sow, with not less than six pigs,	5 00
For the second best,	3 00
For the third best,	2 00

POULTRY.

FOWLS.

For the best lot, of not less than one Cock and eleven Hens,	\$3 00
For the second best,	2 00
For the third best,	1 00

DUCKS.

For the best twelve,	1 00
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GEESE.

For the best flock of six Geese,	2 00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

BUTTER.

For the best lot of Butter, of not less than ten pounds,	4 00
For the second best,	3 00
For the third best,	2 00

CHEESE.

For the best Cheese,	2 00
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HONEY.

For the best display of Honey,	2 00
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BREAD.

The Committee will make awards for Bread, amounting to not more than	4 00
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FRUIT.

The Committee will make awards for Fruit, amounting to not more than	25 00
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FLOWERS.

The Committee will make awards for Flowers, not exceeding	10 00
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HYMNS, SONGS, AND ESSAYS.

For the best Hymn,	3 00
For the second best,	2 00
For the best Essay on Agriculture,	5 00
For the second best,	3 00
For the best Song,	3 00
For the second best,	2 00

MANUFACTURES.

Premiums and Gratuities will be awarded for Manufactured and
Fancy Articles, not exceeding 25 00

MANURES.

For the best experiment with Manure, with a statement in writing,
which is to be left with the Secretary previous to the first of
October, showing the kind, cost, and result, 5 00

PLOWING.

For the best experiment in Plowing, not less than 7 inches deep, 4 00
For the second best, 3 00
For the third do., 2 00

The above Premiums will be awarded on the second
day of the Show and Fair, on the following conditions,
viz:

All persons exhibiting breeding stock, are required
to state to the Secretary, in writing, *at the time of mak-
ing their entries*, the breed and pedigree of the animals,
so far as they know.

Competitors for premiums for Cows, are required to
state in writing to the Secretary, at the time of *making
their entries*, the time when said cows last calved, how
they have been fed, the quantity of butter produced by
each, (if any is made), for ten successive days of any
two months, with two months intervening; also the
number of pounds of milk produced on every seventh
day, (if any is yielded on that day), from the first day of
January, 1859, to the first day of October following.

All persons competing for the premiums for Crops,
are required to make their entries with the Secretary, in
writing, previous to the FIRST DAY OF THE FAIR, giving

the quantity, value, location and condition of the land in the spring; the kind and quality of manure used, with its value; the quantity and kind of seed used, with its value; and previous to the first of October, must also give a correct account of the Crop offered for premium, its quantity, quality and value, with the whole expense and manner of its cultivation, to the satisfaction of the Committee.

On Wednesday, October 12th, 1859,

The FAIR and EXAMINATION of the STOCK, will commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., and all animals will be required to remain in the pens until 3 o'clock, P. M.

The PLOWING MATCH will commence at 2 o'clock, P. M.

On Thursday, October 13th, 1859,

The examination of Horses will take place at 9 o'clock, A. M.

It is expected that an Address will be delivered before the Society, on the second day of the Fair, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at one of the meeting houses. Regarding the Address, public notice will be hereafter given, of the time and place of its delivery, with the name of the orator.

The topic of periodical Fairs for the sale of Agricultural produce and stock, has been much discussed in other counties, and it is generally believed, that many advantages would result from their institution. These advantages have been fully set forth in a prize essay, which our Society has extensively circulated among the friends of Agriculture in town. It is thought by the

board of officers of the Nantucket Agricultural Society, that if our farmers would bring to the next Fair, whatever stock they wish to sell, and also samples of crops, with prices, sales might be effected advantageously to themselves, and convenient to the consumers; and the pleasurable interest of the occasion would be increased.

GENERAL RULES.

1ST.

All entries of *Stock* must be made with the Secretary, previous to 10 A. M. of the first day of the Fair, to be entitled to a premium.

2D.

All competitors for premiums, must enter their articles previous to ten o'clock, A. M., of the first day of the Fair.

3D.

All articles exhibited, must remain during the Fair.

4TH.

No animal or article will be entitled to a premium, which is removed by the owner, without permission of the Committee of Arrangements.

5TH.

All articles exhibited, will have all possible care of the Committee, but must be at the risk of the owners.

6TH.

No animal or article, for which a premium has been

awarded by the Society, will be entitled to another, unless it be of a higher grade.

7TH.

Upon application to the Secretary, the Executive Committee will visit any field or crops entered for premium.

8TH.

It will be optional with the various Committees, to award premiums or not, as the thing entered for it, may in their judgment deserve, whether there is competition or not.

9TH.

All persons in the County may compete for the Premiums offered; but in case any one is awarded to a person not a member of the Society, the admission fee of a member will be deducted; but gratuities of less sums than the admission fees, will be paid on demand, to all persons to whom they are awarded.

10TH.

All premiums awarded, not called for within six months, will be added to the capital stock of the Society.

11TH.

Any person may become a member of this Society, by signing the constitution, and paying to the Secretary two dollars if a male, and one dollar if a female.

